# **Scoping Meeting Comments**

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Castle Dale 1/30/02

#### Access/Transportation

Don't mess things up. Don't change existing access. If it works, don't fix it.

Maintain the existing roads and trails network

There should be a trails category called "existing"

Trail ettiquette education is needed to minimizre resource damage and user conflicts. This would require signage, brochures, enforcement and monitoring

People doing use monitoring should not be niased against certain uses

Maintain dispersed camping areas that are accessible by motor vehicles travelling off of designated routes

All existing routes need to be considered for RS 2477. These routes provide motorized (all types) access to the things that are important to them

Protect RS2477 row's for OHV

Road improvement and development should be tied to visitor demand in specific areas

Maintain RS 2477

Define the width of rights of ways and roads and make sure that ROW's are adequate for wide roads

Some trails, depending on their size, may only be appropriate for certain uses

Avoid using more paved roads, primitive roads are a part of the experience.

Develop coordination between the BLM and the counties to manage OHV travel routes and loops

Allow public access to released Oil Shale Reserve #2 (RS 2477)

Define the trails systems

Consider motorized access to scenic and historic areas

Develop a process to gain motorized access into WSA's

Access into WSA's (Examine rec. access vs. ranching access)

Protect access

Open roads, ATV access, historic access

Consider emergency service provision when making access decisions

Maintain road access

#### Administrative

Improve the coordination of GIS issues between BLM, state, counties and USFS

Locate the BLM office in Castle Dale

Increase the number of decisions made locally

Improve law enforcement

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Local input is essential to all management planning

All sides need to be heard

As part of a non-biased decision making process BLM managers need to get out and see the land

Different BLM managers interpret terms differently affecting management decisions

Develop a definite process and terminology so that decisions made by the BLM are consistent

User fees may be necessary for management of the area

#### Air and Water Quality

Consider water rights

Address water resources

What are the effects of water diversion and use in the coal mining process? (Surface water quality)

Air and Water quality/ Environmental impacts as related to industry, specifically mining

Address TMDL's (total maximum daily loads)

Don't allow changes in air quality guideline to affect area power plants

Include water analysis in the EIS

Address water allocation (Don't plan for water or water quality that doesn't exist)

Consider water development projects for wildlife and livestock

#### **Cultural/Historic Resources**

Don't disregard historic mining activity

Examine resource vandalism problems in the RMP

Facillitate guide and outfitter permitting to view historic and cultural resources

There needs to be reasonable and appropriate motor vehicle access to cultural and historical sites

Historic and pre-historic sites and features can affect limits on vehicle use and access

NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act) needs to be used as a guiding statute

Access to paleontological and archaeological site for public viewing

Need developed camping and recreation sites near cultural sites

Maintain access to historic mining areas

Keep paleontological resources in the local area and bring the people here to see them

Take advantage of and enhance paleontological resources

Partner with local communities on cultural and historic resource planning

Permitting to study paleontological resources

#### **Economics**

Economic development/impacts of plan

#### Livestock/Grazing

Control all species of invasive/noxious weeds and plants

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Coordinate wilderness and livestock management

Wild horses can't survive in certain areas like Link Flat or Copper Globe. Either leave them where they are or consider other viable and available resources

Grazing rights

Preserve existing way of life (grazing)

Improve the care and management of horse and burro herds with more frequent but smaller gathers and by staying within AUM allottments

Sell permits for carefully monitored individual wild horse and burro gathering

Continued use of historic grazing

Don't allow wild horse and burro populations to displace cattle

Manage game, wild horses and burros so there are minimum range impacts

Examine wild horse and burro population diversity

Maintain the ranching lifestyle

More and more dispersed water resources for livestock

Protect grazing

Consider permit allocations

Water source development

Improve range health and conditions without reducing available AUM's (Animal Unit Months)

#### Oil, Gas, and Mining

Efficiently operate coal and coal bed methane resources

Ensure that mineral development opportunities are maintained

In the RMP address and allow mineral extraction, specifically Gypsum

Maintain gravel pits for local use and rock sources

Examine impacts of oil and gas leasing/exploration

Address safety issues involved with old uranium mines and coordinate these plans with other agencies

Expedite/streamline the paperwork required for permits and development projects

Protection of energy resources for development (availability for future leasing of coal, pre-existing rights)

Maintain gravel pit access

#### Other

Enforcement and responsible use should be tied together

Maintain historic uses for future generations

Address law enforcement in the RMP

Maintain historic uses (those that pre-date new development)

Encourage management partnerships between BLM and private land owners

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Collect more input from the citizens of Emery and Carbon counties, their opinions should have more influence

Carryout 106 consultation with interested county citizens

Dispose of fragmented BLM lands (Examine the process and try to help local communities and area land owners to acquire

Whatever is best for the land is best for the people

Multiple use

Address trash dumping on public lands

Address sign vandalism

Include more user accountability and punishment in new planning

Consider adjacent land owners and the use of cooperative management efforts/impacts to those lands

Closely examine Threatened and Endangered plant and animal species in the RMP

Multiple use

Preserve resources with responsible use

Need better "on the ground" knowledge

#### Recreation/OHV

There needs to be concentrated use areas with developed facilities that have minimum visual impacts

OHV abuse of lands indicates need for development of new trails

Develop and designate camping and day use sites

Promote responsible OHV use

ATV/Motocross use in Clawson track area

There is a need for ATV play areas near each community

Keep dispersed camping available

Improve user education

Install a mechanism for better communication between BLM adminstration staff and permittees

Need trail staging areas with parking, rest rooms, loading ramps, info. Kiosks

Sacrifice areas for OHV use

Uranium mines and cabins can be tourist attractions

Connect roads and trails using regional travel plans

Signage can help law enforcement

Start travel management plans with where you CAN travel

There have to be some areas closed to OHV's due to terrain features that limit their appropriate use

Develop urban OHV play areas

There should remain some areas that are open for cross-country use such as ATV play areas close to towns

Implement a backwards system of trail compatibility where hikers can use all trails and other modes of transportation are limited to select trails

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In the lower 48 states backcountry airstrips are a rare opportunity

OHV enforcement

Backcountry airstrips including Hidden Splendor Mine, Mexican Mtn., Cedar Mtn. and others need to remain open

Improve user education

Travel plan for OHV's needs to include sufficient signage to manage increasing traffic and use

Improve user education for OHV travel routes

Develop open OHV play areas

Multiple use trails should provide a mix of many or all trails users

Signing for trails and special management areas

Use regional trail network planning

Airstrips are a great means of access to wilderness and other recreation opportunities

Different uses in the same area is good for user interaction

Trail maintenance is necessary

Provide for all types of access including mountain bikes. Provide more loop trails

Hikers and rafters not familiar with the area and lacking experience create problems for search and rescue

There are some areas that may be appropriate for more developed camp site and short walking trails

## Wilderness/Special Designations

Involve local citizens in wilderness discussions

Wilderness Areas need more and better defined boundaries

WSA buffer zones need to be re-evaluated

No new WSA's or Wild and Scenic Rivers

Maintain the wildness and untrammlled nature of the undeveloped areas (minimize signage, gravel roads, etc)

Rather than WSA's and wilderness areas there should be a new category of "backcountry" experience. It should be designed for families, recognize scenic values, allow motor vehicle access and be less restrictive than wilderness

#### Wildlife/Hunting

Big Horn Sheep need separate management consideration

There should be areas where wildlife habitat treatments are okay. This would include chainings, sprayings, seasonal uses and water developments such as guzzlers

Include wildlife management

BLM habitat assessment decisions should be made with input from the Division of Wildlife Resources

Allow use of hunting and fishing resources

Need better understanding between the Utah Division of Wildlife and BLM on where the big game are located. Need better coordination and agreement on issues. The participant noted the controversy re: spotted owls.

Avoid bogus threatened and endangered designations for species that aren't present in the area

Address wildlife winter ranges in the RMP

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Address threatened and endangered species in the new plan

Leave the management of species to Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

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## Grand Junction 1/17/02

# Access/Transportation

Emphasize multiple use and open driving access for resource viewing

Accurate inventory of roads

Ensure accurate and adequate inventory of roads and trails

Give the public access to roads and trails inventory

Maintain traditional access routes for current and future generations

Keep all public lands and right of ways open as they currently exist

Provide a pre-draft road inventory

Provide and maintain access to resources for all populations

#### Administrative

Increase publicity for scoping meetings (possibly use signs in popular BLM areas)

Encourage interagency participation

#### Livestock/Grazing

Include livestock grazing in multiple-use planning

#### Oil, Gas, and Mining

What are the limitations on exploration in designated areas?

Promote responsible exploration and development of oil and gas resources on public lands

Interest in uranium mining

Interest in pipeline locations and potential for additional pipeline locations

## Other

Ensure socio-economic stability of communities in planning area

Maintain traditional uses and ways of life

Make use of web based mapping and data interfaces

Give equal footing to all interests

Maintain the public lands centered culture

Include mechanism in the RMP to allow for growth in land uses

Include user education plans into the RMP; include expectations for different land uses

Provide access to resource information

Continue traditional multiple use including oil and gas, minerals, motorized vehicles, bicycles, shooting, boating

Ensure that the BLM follows public opinion

#### Recreation/OHV

Improve permitting for special events

Don't ignore Recreation Opportunity Spectrum standards on roads

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Keep OHV routes open

Allow recreation OHV use

Provide better signage and reasons for closures

Eliminate braided and multiple trails and roads

Maintain OHV access

Maintain access for OHV's

## Wilderness/Special Designations

Use designations of Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA's) and recreational zoning according to the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

Avoid cherry-stemming of roads into WSA's and wilderness

Maintain multiple use and avoid the overuse of wilderness and wilderness study areas (WSA's)

Improve publicity of new designations

Avoid proliferation of WSA's

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## Green River 1/29/02

## **Access/Transportation**

Balance access with resource protection

Keep existing roads

Don't use inappropriate fences and structures in the planning area (No new fences)

Access for all abilities

RS 2477 (takings)

Don't lock up the area

Maintain access

Roads are good

Consider emergency services aspect of road designations

Maintain access for future generations

Maintain OHV access

Maintain multiple use and access

Keep access routes open

Horseback and OHV access

Keep the land open

Improve signage and the reasons for it

Maintain historic access

Access for all ages and abilities

Provide information about open access

Maintain motorized access

Ensure access to public lands for all uses

Maintain multiple use/ open access

Access for all abilities (ADA)

Maintain roads and road quality

Maintain OHV access

Maintain existing roads

## Administrative

Future plans should adapt multiple use framewrok within compartmentalization

Enforcement must be included in planning

Multiple Use/ Sustained Yield is a viable management tool

Utilize interest groups in land management

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Local input should have a higher priority in the planning process

Consider impacts of planning to other resource agencies

Does the BLM have the resources to manage effectively?

Unneccessary and undue regulation needs to be examined at an activity level

Maintain multiple use

Provide more information about the planning effort

Can the BLM handle new responsibilities decided on in new plans?

Use local expertise

Involve the county sherriff in all emergency service and enforcement activities

There is concern about the planning process and implementation of plans regarding the stoppage of uses

What permitte/vendor services will be included and/or allowed in plans?

Balance local and national interests and uses

Don't overdo enforcement

#### **Economics**

Balance crowding with the economic benefits of tourism

Find out how planning will affect the area

Ensure that planning processes include analysis of economic impacts to local communities

Tourism is Green River's economy

Economies of scale

How will planning impact local tourism, mining and other economic sectors?

Examine the impacts of planning to tourism related businesses

Green River should get the economic benefits of the RMP and/or monument plans

Disperse economic benefits of planning to all areas

Benefits of planning need to go to local communities

Green River has the best access for a visitor center

Green River needs and deserves tourism and tax benefits from planning efforts

#### Livestock/Grazing

Include range management in all planning and documents

Grazing as a viable, renewable, and proper use of the land

Maintain cattle ranching and grazing (It is tourism compatible)

Use grazing as a component of resource management

Grazing and multiple use

Invasive species management needs to be included in the RMP

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### Other

Examine potential negative impacts of monumnent designation

Encourage community participation

Keep respect for uses you don't participate in

Respect and consider all uses and opinions

Include consistency review of the RMP

Be prepared for impacts from increased use and visitation due to planning efforts

Use successful management ideas from other BLM/Forest Service areas

Utilize peer enforcement

The way it is, is good.

Green River should be considered for a visitor center location

Horses, Firearms, OHV, ADA

Balance between trust of "outsiders" and "not in my backyard" attitude

Incorporate ideas of local agencies and plans

Consider how the resource renews itself

Maintain the integrity of the planning process

Don't overuse "critical" terminology in plan write up

Maintain traditional uses within new economic development

Manage for future generations

Install mechanism for increased local input

Multiple use includes all uses (grazing, recreation, oil and gas)

Examine monument plans carefully (no need for more monuments)

#### Recreation/OHV

Maintain opportunities for dispersed camping

Educate users on how to treat the resource

Education will improve visitor use

All users can and should share trails and rec. areas

Improve recreation management in the Green River area

Multiple use should include all uses

Ensure that users are accountable for their actions

Multiple use needs to be environmentally responsible

Facillitate group OHV use

Multiple use on a single site is an acceptable management strategy

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Improve enforcement

Organized trail events should continue to be allowed

Multiple use should continue to be used in planning

Green River currently provides emergency and visitor services to San Rafael Swell visitors

Don't allow uses to impact the aesthetics of the area

Manage and understand one way conflicts

Ensure respect between user groups (all groups have equal rights)

Maintain the solitude on the San Rafael Swell

Encourage repeat use of already impacted areas

Outfitter permitting needs to be addressed in the plan

Educate users and minimize land abuse

User fees for developed recreation sites should be used

Designation and compartmentalization of recreational uses and areas

#### Wilderness/Special Designations

If the monument is declared, use compartment style management

No need for more wilderness

Finish the wilderness designation process

Avoid wilderness designation

No monument designation

Specifics of the monument plan?

Maintain the remoteness of the San Rafael Swell

Consider monument designation as the desired alternative

No WSA's

Is WSA designation legal? (NO)

#### Wildlife/Hunting

Maintain firearms and hunting opportunities

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## Moab 1/16/02

## Access/Transportation

Ensure that existing roads and trails remain open

Delineate travel on existing roads from travel on existing trails

Improve trail maps and inventory

Publicize travel regulations

Realize the additional benefits of OHV use such as disabled access

#### Administrative

Provide more exact enforcement of BLM regulations on roaded access and construction

Increase user data collection (more sites, year round)

Improve enforcement knowledge and quality

Avoid re-evaluation of previously reviewed decisions

Integrate previous planning efforts into new RMP

Economics of scale and evaluation criteria

#### Air and Water Quality

Air quality issues and maintenance of standards

#### Livestock/Grazing

Maintain historic uses (e.g. grazing)

Reduce impacts of grazing on wilderness/WSA's

Maintain grazing access and use

## Other

Include sustainable sues and management practices in the RMP

Help manage visitor interactions

Natural Resources in Utah are being sacrificed to private interest for their economic benefit

Maintain ecological integrity of sensitive areas (ie: riparian areas)

Get the right uses in the right places

Encourage decisions based on science, not emotion

Examine the potential for a natural fire regime in the RMP

Include management of invasive/exotic plant species in RMP

#### Recreation/OHV

Emphasize enforcement; increase fines

Build in provisions to make group size on permits more flexible

Strengthen and increase recreation management and funding

Have as little intrusion as possible (Quiet)

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Decrease the gap between users and management through better information, education, and contact

Provide a range of areas and trails across the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum

Avoid braided social trails

Better trail signage/marking

Improve trail information and education from qualified and experienced sources

Develop partnerships for providing education and interpretation

Adopt management techniques that have been successful in other areas or for other agencies

Provide education on appropriate outdoor ethics (include all related issues)

Use certain trail areas for single uses

Meet the full spectrum of recreation and other needs

Preserve solitude and opportunity for peaceful experiences on the San Rafael Swell

Continue use of sufficient, appropriate, and recognizable signage and closures

Include potential for breakdowns and accidents in travel management plans

Use past successes (e.g. Devil's Racetrack) to plan future management

Increase policing/management if irresponsible OHV use

Priority for private boaters in any river permitting system

Include non-motorized river recreation issues in planning process

Establish area appropriate zones for motorized and non-motorized uses

Increase enforcement of off-trail violations

Improve management of night time use of motorized vehicles (e.g. designated areas)

Increase management of off-road and off-trail uses

Allow organized motorized recreation

Allow motorcycle trail riding for pleasure

Include evaluation of re-opening closed trails and areas; especially those that connect loops

#### Wilderness/Special Designations

No more Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's)

Maintain pristine/wilderness character of WSA's and inventory wilderness

Disperse uses, but maintain wilderness experiences

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### Price 1/31/02

# Access/Transportation

Continued access to coal and mineral development areas

Access across private property to BLM lands needs to be addressed

A good map of access on the San Rafael needs to be provided

Unclear about access in specific areas suchas Swinging Brdge to Black Box (WSA Boundary)

Improve routing around WSA's

New roads are allowed to often, but trails not developed often enough

Why is access restricted to certain roads

Use roads systems from mineral exploration for motorized access to public lands

BLM needs to maintain roads and trails better and coordinate maintenance with the counties

Use OHV grant funding to maintain and develop motorized recreation opportunities. BLM is not taking advantage of this source of funding for items like access, signage, brochures and maintenance

Consider the use of minerals development roads for other uses and avoid closing all of them. Consider pulci comments when making closure decisions

Area closures concentrate use and result in increased impacts to the land. Spread out use to larger areas to reduce impacts and

Public lands need to be open to multiple means of access such as cars, ATV's and horses

Do not designate routes for OHV travel because there is a need for access to range for grazing purposes

County B and D type roads provide necessary access

Will fees limit areas to certain uses? If so, maintain existing access for all type of use without closing any roads

Maintain road access; limiting or closing RS2477 roads is illegal. A decision should be made and BLM policy should

Designate trails in the plan for specific uses

The RMP needs to address OHV issues and designate area for open access near communities, but limit other OHV use to roads

Provide non-discriminatory access that considers aging populations

Provide clear definition of roads and ways

Maintain smaller road widths and improve the visual quality of roads

Wilderness is nice, but not accessible for everyone. We need to maintain access for all people

Leave existing travel routes open

Industrial use of roads is the major factor in road deterioration which impacts the quality and safety of recreation use

Plan analysis must use science and data, not emotion

Balance motorized and non-motorized uses and keep in mind the aging population

Provide open roads and vehicular access

Work with the counties to keep the dust down

BLM needs to allow access to oil shale to help improve the roads

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BLM needs to help facillitate the road management efforts of the counties

Maintain recreation access

Plan for motorized use of Hwy 10 on the forest boundary and link this to communities to encourage economic development

Maintain a quality multiple use trails system

Handicapped populations want access to this area

Provide adequate access

#### Administrative

Use fair and accurate science in the planning effort

BLM needs to regularly meet with the public in meetings like these

There should be better access to maps and internet information

Improve SITLA involvement and coordination

This plan needs to work, not just sit on the shelf.

Implement all previous planning efforts

The 1994 Nine Mile Canyon recreation plan has never been funded and implemented, it should be implemented in or along with the RMP

Increase the involvement of local governments by collaborating between the counties and BLM

National Forest coordination needs to be included in the RMP

#### Air and Water Quality

Dust impacts to air quality need to be considered

Underground water sources need as much protection as surface water

Provide strong protection of water and riparian resources

Manage air quality in the Type 2 classification. Power plants are not the cause of air pollution

#### **Cultural/Historic Resources**

Cultural resource areas are protected by remoteness, vandalism come with roaded access

Complete a better analysis of cultural resources

Wilderness designation does not sufficiently protect rock art

Use education efforts to reduce conflicts between recreation and cultural resource areas and values, yet encourage use and appreciation of cultural resources

There are significant rock art sites in the planning area

There needs to be stricter penalties with fines and public service for damaging cultural resources

Self-policing would help the BLM with enforcemnt of regulations regarding cultural resources

Scientific and informational potential of cultural resource needs to be addressed prior to allowing other uses which may

Maintain the visual/scenic quality of historic and prehistoric sites

#### **Economics**

Consider the economics impacts of the plan to local economy

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The ties between the resource and the local economy need to be considered

#### **Forestry**

What are reclamation requirements for timber harvesting?

This plan should identify forest resource because the BLM may be in violation of FLPMA due to a failure to recognize these resources. This should include an inventory of species and volumes, a forest management plan and an insect management plan

Timber should be harvested in the planning area without harming other uses

Timber resource development should be examined

Plan should include forest management

Use balanced forest management

The fire management program should be cross-boundary and cross-agency

#### Livestock/Grazing

BLM should better manage uses that conflict with grazing

Stabilize the grazing permits, protect grazing rights and improve the management of allotments

Make sure that resources can support horse and cattle herds

There needs to be more land treatments such as chainings and fires in proximity to farms to increase forage for wildlife and

Stock ponds provide opportunities for watchable wildlife and also help to control erosion

If riparian fences are used there needs to be consideration of how livestock and wildlife will access water

Continue grazing with realistic expectations on the resources

Maintain a balance between livestock and wildlife

Provide ways for the ranching lifestyle to be maintained because grazing can be good for the land

Education efforts should also include grazing and wild horse and burro information

Grazing is consistent with multiple use

Maintain grazing rights

The BLM must be consistent in application and enforcement of grazing regulations

Prevent motorized users from chasing wildlife, wild horses and burros, and cattle

There are too many horses in certain areas such as McKay Flat

BLM has documentation of good grazing techniques improving the resource

Grazing in riparian corridors can be good for vegetaation control

Minimize the red tape to install stock ponds because they help wildlife, improve water quality and decrease salinity

Grazing is beneficial for Fire management

There are increasing numbers of wildlife/grazing conflicts

Wild horses should be included in our public lands heritage

#### Oil, Gas, and Mining

Develop consistent standards for oil and gas development

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Ensure that opprtunities to lease energy resources such as coal continue to exist

The economy of this area is dependent on mineral development

There should be less manager discretion in leasing lands for coal bed methane

Make sure that the public understand all resource development and extraction activities

Where will Phillips petroleum development stop? There are too many impacts to livestock, wildlife, roads, litter

Public has not been made aware of the extent of Phillips development, we need to be more involved

There needs to be a guarantee that Phillips development will be reclaimed

BLM needs to consider visual quality when allowing mineral development

Do not lock up the lands, continue to allow energy development

Oil is important to the local economy

Pay more attention to the visual problems associated with oil and gas wells

#### Other

Oil and gas development has extensive visual impacts that no one wants to see; improve VRM

BLM law enforcement should follow county guidelines and invlove the local sherriff

Citizens need to self-police to help protect the resource

Develop controls for noxious weeds (invasive species) that are consistent with county activities

Multiple use needs to be maintained for grazing and OHV uses

The RMP needs to take a long term perspective on OHV use as well as Oil and Gas development so thaat we avoid having all uses occur at once and fail to keep the landscape as it is for our children

Make sure public input is transferred to the actual plan

Maintain a balance of uses, ensure that no one group or activity has priority over another

There is a desire to show our grandchildren the places we like

There is demand for multiple use

Why are Wasatch Front meetings being held?

Use common sense in all decision making

Local opinion needs to be given more weight and consideration

Don't repeat bad practices used in the past

We need to share the resource and have multiple use

The majority of the vandalsim in the area has already happened

Focus on visual resource management

Improve erosion control efforts

Address Areas of Critical Environmental Concern in this plan

#### Recreation/OHV

Review the outfitter system to allow for opportunities for commercial operator in place like Desolation Canyon

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Designate more OHV areas to help reduce resource damage

Recreation opportunities should be balanced with other uses and resources

Provide opportunities for commercial recreation use permits

Give consideration to other public lands users, such as Ranchers, when decising where camping areas should be

Increase user education

Recreation concerns: Can't enjoy the recreation area as much due to the coal bed methane development. Wants a plan to address mitigation efforts as they impact recreation. (agency coordination to develop mitigation efforts, urban interface issues, road reclamation issues

There needs to be adequate signage for identifying trails, showing regulations, providing information and marking trails.

Additional launch sites on the Green River such as Range Creek and Turtle Canyon would provide one day trips that would not require permits and would increase access for hunting

Some of the problems with OHV use include litter and spot lighting

Designate areas for ATV play

Provide trail signage that identifies the type of users who can or are using given trails

Don't limit camping solely to designated sites, leave some areas whre we can have the freedom to choose our own campsite

Define and meet the expectations of recreationists

Inform the public where camping opportunities are

The BLM's primary challenge is to appropriately manage increased recreation

Use of the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum should be solidified in the plan

Provide more opportunities for large group camping, dispersed camping, and backcountry camping at designated sites

Use volunteerism to get the public involved with public land management and accomplish goals for recreation development

ATV's should not be allowed on singletrack

Increase education on trail user ettiquette and appreciation of other uses

OHV travel vs. play needs to be addressed in the RMP

OHV use included both riding and destination activity

OHV desires: loop trails, destinations, challenging terrain, wildlife viewing, different trails for different equipment,

As the San Rafael become more popular we will need more facillities to serve people

OHV's can be enjoyable, but can be misused. They must stay on trails.

A fee should be charged for recreation to help fund law enforcement and emergency services

OHV comments: seeing other people is okay, preserve some areas with no OHV use

Certain areas are not good for OHV use due to topography, so these place should be highlighted for other recreational uses. Use topography and natural conditions to help delineate them

There are already enough laws, the problems arise form those who ignore or don't know the laws, so we need more education Encourage responsible OHV use

## Wilderness/Special Designations

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Improve user education to keep people on WSA roads

Expand the scenic byway program to include the interpretation of places like Buckhorn Wash, Horse Canyon, Range Creek, and Bruins Point Loop

Provide buffer zones around the potential national monument

Motorized access will not necessarily damage WSA's

Maintain ranching to help wilderness management

Maintain road access into WSA's

The WSA process and WSA management have problems. Roads go into the WSA's, so they are not wilderness

Increase the protection of certain areas such as Desolation Canyon, parts of the San Rafael Swell, and Nine Mile Canyon

How will a possible monument designation impact current local uses of the area? We want to continue hiking, OHV use and maintain our lifestyle

Historical use of Swazey's Leap needs to be respected along with other points of interest in WSA's. Clear definition of roads access needs to be established

#### Wildlife/Hunting

Are there laws protecting wildlife that will affect the RMP process?

There needs to be further study of human disturbance on wildlife

Wildlife can adapt to vehicles

Coordinate between interest groups and land managers on wild horse and wildlife issues

Address the impacts that WSA's have on water hauling and operation and maintenance of other wildlife and horse facilities such as guzzlers

Identify big game winter ranges to prevent conflicts with vehicular travel

Wildlife do adapt to human disturbance

Prserve hunting rights and access

Improve opportunities for watchable wildlife

There needs to be more education to minimize human impacts on wildlife

OHV trails are a benefit to wildlife because they direct use to certain areas

Roads can result in dust from ruts that can impact animals

Stock ponds benefit wildlife

Protect primitive hunting experiences

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## Salt Lake City 1/15/02

#### Access/Transportation

Multiple use/access

For older populations who can't hike access to resources via OHV's, Horses and Motorcycles must exist. It can't be single use only, must be multiple use. (Where appropriate)

Clarify Road Designations

Maintain access across federal lands to state lands (Right of Way issues)

Define roads

More roads and trails

Rights of way permitting, utility corridors, RS 2477 issues

Better identification of designated roads and trails

Keep motorcycle/motor access on existing roads and 2 tracks

Provide additional access and opportunity for OHV use

Assess impact of new roads on Quitchepah Canyon

Dispersed access points for trails

OHV's are a way of accessing and visiting public lands like other uses

RS 2477

Allow access for people with disabilities via motor vehicle

"Closed unless posted open" is not a viable management tool; "Open unless posted closed" is better

Maintain roadless areas for future generations; be more cautious

OHV trails are not the same as roads

Publicize closures and reasons for these closures

Keep access for all public uses

What is being done to coordinate road designation with state and counties?

Inventory, map, and sign single track trails

#### Administrative

Conduct a complete review of the importance, economics, and occurrence of structure and resource damage

Better enforcement of existing laws

Provide electronic map and GPS data access

Improve interagency coordination (federal and state)

Clarify reasons for closures

Encourage partnerships with SITLA, DWR, and county governments

Adapt the management plan to better suit the area

Defer land trades until planning is done

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Economics (minerals, maintain utility corridors, impacts to local economy must be part of policy development, transit corridors to resource areas)

Avoid designations with complex administrative issues

Properly document violations and fines

Check coordination with local law enforcement

Increase enforcement capabilities and budget

Don't ignore existing travel plans

Include all revenues in economic analysis

What is BLM's current land use policy?

What happens to revenue lost from changes in land use?

Use economic study information in planning process

Trust lands sold leads to development

Cooperation between BLM and permitees over protection of resources

Increase local discretion

Coordination with State Policy on cultural resources

Wide track vs. single track trails

#### Air and Water Quality

Air Quality (Haze)

Air quality and OHV use

Watershed/Water Quality in relationship to coal mining (Salinity, 303 D streams)

Visual resources as impacted by energy development including the air quality (haze).

#### **Cultural/Historic Resources**

Better rock art conditions where not accessible by motor vehicles

Not enough emphasis on rock art vs. archaeology; potential long term source of income for local communities (e.g. -

What are the impacts of animals (cattle) on rock art?

Keep cultural resources in public lands

Archaeology/Anthropology of historic road use

Ensure historic access remains open

Increase penalties for vandalism on rock art and other cultural resources

Impacts to Cultural Resources and Nine Mile Canyon

Better rock art policy/controls

#### Livestock/Grazing

Assess impacts of resting grazing allotments

Grazing within riparian zones needs better control

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No loss of grazing permits

Rotation, chaining, fire policy, prescribed burning, natural burning

Secondary use of burned or chained areas should include timber harvest and firewood gathering

Riparian areas are being impacted by overgrazing; design riparian restoration zones to protect the best remaining areas

Consistent policy as it relates to range management

Unused grazing allotments should go back in the pool for re-allotment or other uses

Curtail grazing in draught years (be more realistic to current conditions)

#### Oil, Gas, and Mining

Special designation in relationship to energy development/exploration

When does reclamation become destruction of historic properties (Floyd and Jim pointed out that this is under the Utah Division of oil, gas, and mining's jurisdiction). Recreation opportunities versus reclamation

Desire for a statement of a clear policy regarding multiple mineral development and extraction. The plan ought to identify potential mineral leasing areas and maximize leasing potential for minerals.

Desire to keep the San Rafael Swell in multiple use. Concern that it is difficult to obtain a patent (Floyd interjected that this issue is beyond local management). Also wants plan to address where minerals are pursuable.

Manage for multiple use (Mining claims by private interests)

Revise oil and gas leasing process to allow BLM to reject drilling applications

Conflicts with wilderness designations, ACEC's, wildlife

#### Other

Increase local discretion to influence land use, identify impacts, and advise the BLM; "What is too much?"

Consider the impacts of management decisions on local communities

Avoid "landlocking" of BLM lands with land swaps or new designations

Restrictions and controls so that we don't destroy the resource

Policies need to make sense ("Riding in washes is prohibited")

Restraint needed to protect open space values

Manage for long-term benefits

Changes in land use should not impact water users' facilities

Consider hold on artificial water supplies until studies completed

Water demand will increase; consider future water projects

Promote sustainable development

Maintain traditional uses

No use should overshadow other uses

Develop a website to help enlist and manage volunteer help

Make CWP an alternative

Need better facilities, signage, interpretation, and information regarding land use

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Miranda issue in BLM enforcement

Don't use "destruction" in terms of document

San Rafael service projects – see that WSA's are protected, including better monitoring

Water development opportunities must include analysis of impacts

Be sensitive to religious concerns about use of fees on Sundays

Don't add new pavement

BLM should be proactive in developing water resources (Relative to grazing, riparian areas, and dispersed impacts)

Ensure that planners and managers are also users

Allow natural fire events to continue if resources aren't in danger

Decisions (via P.I.) not yet made

#### Recreation/OHV

Address mountain bike use; create rules?

Encourage clear trail signage

Step up "Peer Policing" and increase fines

Consider outfitters in management decisions (access to rivers, etc.)

Account for future allocation issues in outfitter permitting

Identify the impact of recreation users

Provide designated primitive camping areas

More education

Avoid braided trails

Maintain backcountry equestrian access

Clarify and show how OHV's are used responsibly

OHV registration funds should go to trail maintenance and management

How much revenue comes from recreation fees?

Consider camping and family activities accessible by standard vehicle

Work with existing off-road groups on maintenance

Improve trailhead facilities

Hardened surfaces, unloading ramp, information kiosk, restrooms

Avoid fee areas

Maintain backcountry airstrip access

Determine who the perpetrators of conflict are

Educate users

Set aside areas for solitude

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Clarify allowable uses and areas

Recreation uses in appropriate areas (include analysis of impacts; i.e.: camping and trash)

There are noise impacts from OHV use in certain areas

Acknowledge the changing emphasis towards recreation as different from previous BLM management policy

We don't want to love this area to death

How are 4-wheelers and motorcycles managed differently? (Equipment designations)

Make the trails systems multiple use

"Displaced Use"

There are adequate opportunities for non-vehicle uses

Specialty designed OHV trail systems (ie: Lake Powell)

Open-ride areas for OHV's

How should impacts from increased recreation use be accommodated/managed

Need consistent definitions for trails, roads, allowable uses

Need controlled access points on trails

Education/Information/Enforcement for OHV use

Differentiate single track versus double track uses and management as well as motorized versus non-motorized

Don't close Muddy River at San Rafael

If closures take place, provide logical reasons

1 - Eliminate all cross country travel; 2 - Negotitate compromises between user groups; 3 - Publish enough information to direct the right uses to the right places; 4 - Protect ecological integrity (Plan must be sustainable, include play area for motorized vehicles); 5 - Protect single track opportunities

Leave Existing Open areas as open

Recognize growth and popularity of OHV use

Disperse concentrated OHV use

Conduct a review to reopen former and/or existing trails and areas

Put OHV use on equal footing with other uses

Create another designation - "Limited to Existing Roads/Trails"

Clarify where OHV use is permitted

#### Wilderness/Special Designations

Don't close more of the areas that aren't WSA's; maximize use of these areas

 $SMA's-use\ designation\ pending\ plans;\ let\ volunteers\ help$ 

UWC - Complete detailed inventory for WSA designation

Don't need more WSA's – "not guilt driven" use logic and research

 $Desire\ to\ resolve\ conflict\ between\ wilderness\ designation\ and\ wildlife\ and\ the\ relationship\ to\ energy\ development.$ 

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Designate all WSA's

Complete a review of rivers for Wild and Scenic River designation (Stillwater Canyon, Muddy, San Rafael, Green and Price

WSA's should allow historic uses

No new Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's)

Don't designate until all planning is done

Bring WSA process up to speed; re-inventory (ie: Muddy Creek)

## Wildlife/Hunting

There are impacts to wildlife from current uncontrolled uses of some areas

Protect the water needs of wildlife

Threatened and Endangered Species/ Sensitive Species

Protect native species; coordinate with state information; protect H&B

Priority on wildlife vs. livestock

Winter Range Issues

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